

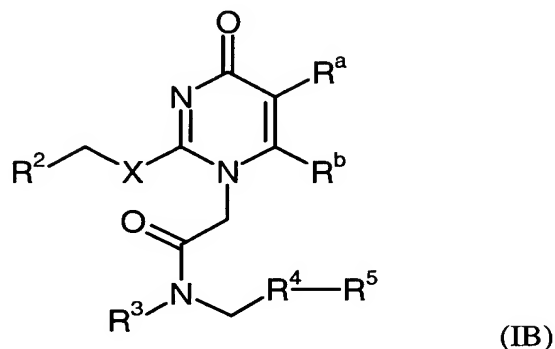
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Amendments to the Claims:

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1 - 17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (IB):



in which:

R^a and R^b together with the pyrimidine ring carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused 5-membered carbocyclic ring;

R^2CH_2X is 4-fluorobenzylthio;

R^2 is phenyl, substituted by one to three fluorine atoms;

R^3 is methyl or $C_{(1-3)}$ alkyl substituted by NR^8R^9 ; or

R^3 is Het- $C_{(0-2)}$ alkyl in which Het is a 5- to 7- membered heterocyclyl ring comprising having N and in which N is unsubstituted or substituted by $C_{(1-6)}$ alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 together form a 4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)phenyl moiety;

R^8 and R^9 which may be the same or different are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, or $C_{(1-6)}$ alkyl); and

X is S, or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

excluding the compound 1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

19. (Currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 18 which is:

1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-chlorophenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;

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1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)-aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(2,3-difluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(3,4-difluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(2,3,4-trifluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(2-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-methyl-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-(1-piperidino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
~~1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(3-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)benzyl)-aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;~~
~~1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenoxy)benzyl)-aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;~~
~~1-(N-(2-(diethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylbiphenyl-4-yl)propyl)-aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;~~
1-(N-(1-ethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-ethylamino-2-methylpropyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
N-(2-tert-butylaminoethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(1-methylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(1-isopropylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(1-(2-methoxyethyl)piperidin-4-yl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one;
1-(N-(2-(ethylamino)ethyl)-N-(4-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)benzyl)aminocarbonylmethyl)-2-(4-fluorobenzyl)thio-5,6-trimethylenepyrimidin-4-one; or
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (IB) as claimed in claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

23. – 26. (Cancelled)

27. (New) A method for treating atherosclerosis which method comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (IB) as claimed in claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a patient in need thereof either alone or combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.